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PSC SETS INTERVENTION DEADLINE IN LACLEDE GAS COMPANY INFRASTRUCTURE SURCHARGE (ISRS) REQUEST

JEFFERSON CITY—Laclede Gas Company has filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking to re-establish an infrastructure system replacement surcharge (ISRS) on the bills of its natural gas customers. The surcharge first appeared on customer bills in June 2004.

Laclede is seeking the ISRS to reflect infrastructure replacement investments made by the natural gas company from August 2005 through January 2006. These costs for natural gas pipeline replacements and/or relocations are not currently included in Laclede's rates. Residential customers would pay a surcharge of 25 cents a month under Laclede's proposal.

Applications to intervene and participate in this case must be filed on or before **April 25, 2006** with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to: Michael C. Pendergast, Vice President & Associate General Counsel, Laclede Gas Company, 720 Olive Street, Room 1520, St. Louis, Missouri 63101; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public in matters before the Commission. Individual citizens wishing to comment should contact either the Office of the Public Counsel (P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 573-751-4857) or the Public Service Commission Staff (P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 1-800-392-4211).

Laclede Gas Company serves approximately 631,000 natural gas customers in the City of St. Louis as well as the Missouri counties of St. Louis, St. Charles, Butler, Iron, Franklin, Jefferson, Madison, St. Francois and Ste. Genevieve.

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